

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 29

8:30 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 9:45 AM Membership Class
 9:50 AM Children's Chapel
 10:00 AM **SUNDAY SCHOOL**
 11:00 AM **MORNING WORSHIP**
 4:00 PM Called Session Meeting
 5:30 PM Season of Prayer in the Chapel
 6:00 PM **EVENING WORSHIP**

Tuesday, March 31

10:00 AM WIC Bible Study

Wednesday, April 1

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study

NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Thursday, April 2

7:00 PM **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

Friday, April 3

Church Office Closed

11:45 AM **GOOD FRIDAY LUNCH-GYM**

12:30 PM **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE-SANCTUARY**

Scripture Reading for the Week

Psalm 27:1-2

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
 The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries
 and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. (ESV)*

Upcoming Events

March 25 CE Committee Meeting
 March 27 Jr. High Fellowship
 March 29 Called Session Meeting
 April 1 No Wednesday night activities
 April 2 Maundy Thursday Service
 April 3 Good Friday Lunch and Service
 April 3 Church Office Closed
 April 5 Easter Day
 Sunrise Service-7am
 Breakfast-8am
 Sunday School-9am
 One Worship Service-10am
 April 8 WIC Council
 April 8 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting
 April 8 Missions Committee Meeting
 April 12 New Members' Reception and Luncheon
 April 12 Covenant College Chamber Singers at the evening worship service
 April 12 Worship & Music Committee Meeting
 April 13 Joint Session/Diaconate Meeting
 April 14-15 WIC Circles
 April 15 Administration Committee Meeting
 April 18 WIC Brunch
 April 19 The Lord's Supper at the evening service
 April 20 Young At Heart
 April 22 CE Committee Meeting
 April 23 Calvary Presbytery at Clemson PCA
 April 24 Jr. High Fellowship
 April 26 Evangelism/Church Growth Committee

Upcoming May Dates

May 6 Graduation Banquet
 May 13 CAT Kids Program
 May 20 Musical CAT Kids begins

Remembering One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following shut-in member. Also, send her a note of encouragement and/or give her a call.

Betty McGoldrick
 627 Ashley Commons Court
 Greer, SC 29651
 968-0032

Praying For One Another

Remember in prayer this week the following members.

Byron and Rebecca Senn

Welthy Senn

Paul Settle

Missionary for the Week

Guillermo and Jennie Salinas (Mexico)

Thank you so much for your prayers for the workshop of evangelism that Guillermo and Marisol led this past Saturday. 21 of the 27 that were registered attended, worked hard and were very enthusiastic to be equipped to share the Gospel more effectively!

Please don't forget to remember the Bible Study and outreach that we have in La Puerta, especially for Maureen and Saul to join the study. They are searching for the Truth and Satan tries every trick in the book to keep them from coming. Thank you for joining in the battle against principalities and powers and rulers of darkness. We are more than conquerors in Christ.

Your obedient servant in Christ,
 Jennie Salinas

Covenant College Chamber Singers

The Covenant College Chamber Singers will be singing at our evening worship service on April 12th.

Good News Club 11th Annual Golf Classic

How You Can Be Involved:

- Be a Sponsor * Form a Team/Teams
- Enter as a Player * Donate/Solicit Prizes
- Be a volunteer (set-up/hospitality/witness)

There are 3 dates at 3 different locations:

- The Cliffs Valley—April 28th
- The Cliffs at Walnut Cove—June 2
- The Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards—October 12

Visit www.cefgreenville.com for more information or call the church office for a brochure.

Easter Sunrise Service



April 5, 2015
Wyche Pavilion
7:00 am

Mountain View Baptist Church
Second Presbyterian Church

Speaker: Rev. Stacey D. Mills
Assisted by Rev. Richard D. Phillips and
Second Presbyterian Church Choir

Breakfast at 8:00 am at Second Presbyterian Church

Easter Services at Second

April 2	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
April 3	11:45 am	Good Friday Lunch/Gym
	12:30 pm	Good Friday Service/Sanctuary
April 5	7:00 am	Sunrise Service at Wyche Pavilion
	8:00 am	Breakfast at the church
	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Easter Worship Service (only one service)
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship Service

There will be no Wednesday evening activities on April 1st.



WIC Brunch
Saturday, April 18th
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Church Gym
Mark Your Calendars and
watch for further details.

Save the Date



CALVARY HOME FOR CHILDREN'S
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT
The Voice of the Tigers
(Don Munson)
speaks for the children.
Tuesday, April 28th - two locations
The Bleckley Inn in Anderson at 6pm
Zen in Greenville at 7pm

Membership Class Schedule

- Sundays @ 9:45 am in Room C-209
- Mar. 29: Membership Vows (Pastor Spears)
- Mar. 29: Session interviews for membership
- Apr. 12: Reception of New Members/Luncheon

Easter Lilies-Deadline March 31st

If you would like to order an Easter Lily to place in the church on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of someone special, please fill out the form below and place in the church office in Judy Grant's mail box along with \$8.00 for each lily.

I would like to place _____ (how many) Easter Lily(ies) in the church on Easter Sunday:

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Name: _____ Telephone # _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Upcoming Graduates

If you are an upcoming graduate (May or December) or you know someone in the church who is, please contact the church office (ext. 10 or jgrant@spcgreenville.org). We want to be sure we recognize all our graduates at our upcoming banquet in May.

History Room News

Continuing with the series about the charter members of Second Church are the current biographies in the hall display case in front of the history room concerning two brothers and their wives, H. W. and Mamie Allen, and R. E. and Cornelia Allen. The Allens' biographies are also available on the church's history blog:

"The Corner of River and Rhett"
www.riverandrhatt.com

Also, a new display about Rev. Dr. J. Ligon Duncan, III, has been posted in the church history room continuing the series on members of our church that have gone into full-time Christian service.

New Members' Luncheon

All members and visitors are cordially invited to a luncheon honoring our new members, **Sunday, April 12, 2015** Immediately following the 11:00 morning worship service in the church gymnasium.

Meat and drinks will be provided.
Church members are asked to bring generous portions of side dishes (vegetables, salads, breads) and desserts.



New Members will be introduced at the 11:00 am worship service on April 12, 2015



continuation of our desire to live in community," the two top General Assembly officials said.

Between 2011, when the Presbyterian church authorized gay ordination, and 2013, the latest year for which figures are available, 428 of the denomination's churches left for more conservative denominations or dissolved, though some theological conservatives have remained as they decide how to move forward.

PCA PROMOTES A BIBLICAL VIEW OF MARRIAGE

The Office of the Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) has received numerous emails regarding the recent action of the mainline Presbyterian Church (USA) in redefining marriage.

On March 17, 2015 the Presbyterian Church (USA) approved language that allows its ministers to officiate at same-sex marriages in its churches. The change comes after the General Assembly and a majority of that denomination's 171 presbyteries approved an amendment to their *Book of Order* that describes marriage as "a unique relationship between two people, traditionally a man and a woman."

There are several Presbyterian denominations in the United States. The Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), formed in 1973 as an evangelical denomination in the Reformed theological tradition, is the second largest. We, like other evangelical, conservative, orthodox, and traditional Christians from many branches of the Christian faith, believe that, from creation, God ordained the marriage covenant to be a unique bond between one man and one woman. This biblical understanding is what the Church has always believed, taught, and confessed. Therefore, we believe that the divinely sanctioned standard for sexual activity is fidelity within a marriage between one man and one woman or chastity outside of such a marriage.

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Throughout history, there has often been a conflict between what the Church has believed, taught, and confessed and the society to which the Church ministers. The Church, in contrast



to the broader culture, is to base her views and practices on authoritative and timeless divine revelation found in the Holy Scriptures, and not on the changing and frequently subjective social practices within the society. The Church, therefore, has certain unchanging objective standards of biblical ethics.

This is especially challenging in this post-modern era of relativism. We think that the comparatively recent interpretation that biblical prohibitions against same-sex intimacy do not apply to "a same-sex marriage" is based on false premises and faulty reasoning and, therefore, is erroneous – no matter how well-intentioned.

The PCA in both its doctrinal standards (*Westminster Confession of Faith*, Chapter 24 "Of Marriage and Divorce") and church polity (*Book of Church Order*, Chapter 59, "The Solemnization of Marriage") affirms biblical marriage as being between one man and one woman. Neither the General Assembly nor any of the Presbyteries nor any Session (board of elders) of any congregation that is presently a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) has redefined marriage. Nor does the PCA intend to do so.

As we affirm what is sometimes called a traditional view of marriage, which we prefer to call biblical marriage, we seek to follow the apostolic practice of "speaking the truth in love." We reach out to all persons with the Good News by which we are being saved that "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures."

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Dr. Phillips on Recent News About Former PCA Church

The news broke this week that City Church San Francisco has reversed its prohibition against practicing homosexuals being admitted into church membership (see here). Previously, only celibate homosexuals were accepted as biblically faithful Christians. Senior Pastor Fred Harrell explained the shift on the basis of recent "social science research" that convinced him and his elders that inhibiting homosexual practice "has not led to human flourishing" (see the church statement). It strikes me from the reports of this shift, both at City Church and elsewhere, that the wrong lessons of history are being advanced while the right lessons are being ignored.

As for the wrong lesson, I have particularly in mind the analogy between homosexuality and racism. Here is the argument: in the past, Christians wrongly used the Bible to support racism and now the Bible is being used to support discrimination against homosexuals. Just as it took open-minded believers to show how the Bible urged tolerance for race, we now are urging tolerance for sexual preference.

I would argue that this is precisely the wrong lesson to learn from history. In fact, the prior example regarding racism and slavery argues against the acceptance of homosexuality in the church. Let me offer three reasons for this view: 1) whereas the Bible does not in fact support racism, it does prohibit homosexuality; 2) the analogy between race and sexual behavior is a false one; and 3) advocates for the acceptance of homosexuality are following the example not of those who opposed racism but of those who wrongly taught racism. By this last point, I mean that in prior generations the Bible was contorted to teach racism because Christians were conforming to the sins of the culture around them. Now, the Bible is being made to embrace homosexuality for the same reason: conformity to the sin demands of a perverse and ungodly world. I admit that my argument here assumes that it can be shown that the Bible condemns homosexuality as a sin. I would point readers to fine articles by Kevin DeYoung and Robert Gagnon, which make that very case.

If the advocates of homosexual acceptance are making the wrong lesson from history, what is the right lesson? The right lesson is that once Christians and churches compromise the authority of Scripture, they have stepped onto a slippery slope where there is no place to stand against worldly encroachments, however perverse they may be. I realize that the "slippery slope argument" causes many progressive Christians to turn red in the face with frustration. But the recent decision of City Church San Francisco is yet another data point proving that the argument is valid.

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Baker Family (Peru)

The new school year starts on March 2 (or thereabouts) and we hope to have an enrollment of 75 kids. That is capacity and also very close to our breakeven point for the school. We hope to give between 15-25 scholarships this first year, some full and some partial. A full scholarship costs \$47/month. Our hope is to start the year with full enrollment and get off to a good start. The community seems to be excited about the school, but there still are many folks who are waiting to see how things shape up. We hope that we can make a good impression from the beginning and build confidence and trust in the community. Offering scholarships will go a long way toward building that trust.

On the church plant, we have two seminary students (Esdras Vargas and Emanuel Romero) who are about to graduate and have shown great promise as candidates for the ministry. I have been working with them (along with another young man who helps with university ministry) to write a plan for the new plant. They have begun visiting the neighborhood that we are targeting and have one group meeting for weekly bible study and they are about to start up a second study in the neighborhood. This will begin as an extension of Cristo Rey and I and the elders at Cristo Rey will be very involved at every step. We will rent a meeting place (Lord willing) in May and begin holding evening services there almost immediately. Then by September we hope to begin morning services. We have a budget for the project that consists of start up costs like basic furniture, musical instruments and basic sound equipment, paint, and publicity (\$15K), and ongoing support for rent, utilities, and salaries for the two men (\$3K/month). We believe that actual costs will be less than this, because we expect there to be participation from the core group almost from the beginning. Any extra funds that we receive would be directed to our general Church Planting fund, most of which would go toward planning and development of our next church plant.

Thanks for your prayers and for asking about these two projects. Please give our warmest regards to the saints at Second Pres.

Yours in Christ,

Wes Baker

The Editor



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**WORSHIP AT SECOND
THE LORD'S DAY**

March 29, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 AM

ONE IN THE LORD

Ephesians 4:5-6

Hymns: 235, 237, 347

Anthem: Hosanna

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 PM

DAVID, MY SERVANT

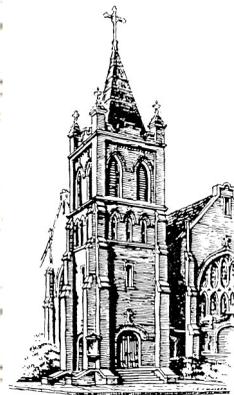
Psalms 89:19-37

Hymns: 32, 558, 311

Psalter: Psalm 73 (vs. 17-28)

Dr. Richard D. Phillips preaching

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**Letter from the PCA
THE PCA VERSUS THE PCUSA: GAY MARRIAGE**

PCUSA EMBRACES GAY MARRIAGE (Not the PCA)

From FoxNews.com

NEW YORK – The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved re-defining marriage in the church constitution Tuesday to include a "commitment between two people," becoming the largest Protestant group to formally recognize gay marriage as Christian and allow same-sex weddings in every congregation.

The new definition was endorsed last year by the church General Assembly, or top legislative body, but required approval from a majority of the denomination's 171 regional districts, or presbyteries. The critical 86th "yes" vote came Tuesday night from the Presbytery of the Palisades in New Jersey.

After all regional bodies vote and top Presbyterian leaders officially accept the results, the change will take effect June 21. The denomination has nearly 1.8 million members and about 10,000 congregations.

Last year, the church had allowed ministers to preside at gay weddings if local church leaders approved in states where the unions were legally recognized. The new wording for the church Book of Order, which authorizes same-sex marriages churchwide, will read, "Marriage involves a unique commitment between two people, traditionally a man and a woman, to love and support each other for the rest of their lives."

Church leaders released statements Tuesday urging "mutual forbearance" amid disagreements over the amendment. "We hope that such 'up/down' voting does not mark the end, but the